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SUBJECT: CANADIAN FULL FUEL CYCLE NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY

1. ACCORDING TO DECEMBER 23 NYT STORY, FOREIGN MINISTER JAMIESON HAS ANNOUNCED THAT GOC WILL HENCEFORTH ADOPT FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENT AS CONDITION OF FUTURE CANADIAN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE WITH NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEW POLICY APPLIES TO "NEW" AS CONTRASTED WITH EXISTING CONTRACTS. CANADIAN EMBASSY IS OBTAINING FULL TRANSCRIPT OF ANNOUNCEMENT, AND OF SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE ON SAME SUBJECT.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF NEW GOC POLICY FOR PAKISTAN MAY BE

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---- FACTOR IN WHETHER PAKISTAN DECIDES NOT TO PROCEED WITH ITS REPROCESSING PROJECT. JAMIESON'S STATEMENTS APPARENTLY LEAVE AMBIGUOUS PRECISELY HOW NEW POLICY WILL BE INTERPRETED WITH RESPECT TO PAKISTAN. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK ----- CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. DOES NEW POLICY REQUIRE PRIOR COMMITMENT TO PLACE ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE FACILITIES UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS ALONG LINES OF UK DRAFT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT,

OR WOULD INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AGREEMENTS COVERING EXISTING FACILITIES (AS IN CASE IN PAKISTAN AT PRESENT) MEET NEW POLICY'S REQUIREMENT?

B. IS OUR UNDERSTANDING CORRECT THAT NEW POLICY IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EXISTING CONTRACTS, OR WOULD COOPERATION BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED UNDER PRESENT AGREEMENTS IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT MEET THE FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENT? WHAT DOES GOC CONSIDER TO BE AN EXISTING, AS CONTRASTED WITH A NEW CONTRACT IN CASE OF PAKISTAN, ARGENTINA, AND OTHER CANADIAN PARTNERS?

3. FOR ISLAMABAD: IF GOP RAISES CANADIAN ACTION WITH YOU, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE BELIEVE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW CANADIAN POLICY REMAIN AMBIGUOUS.

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